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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In November 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Huong The Luu** (MD00030582) with unprofessional conduct. Luu allegedly didn't comply with restrictions on his practice. Charges say Luu did not keep adequate patient or inventory records, did not follow pain-management standards and that an inspection found sanitation and medication storage problems throughout his facility.

Cowlitz County

In November 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jacqueline R. Laes** (RN00173797) with unprofessional conduct. Laes allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In November 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Leslie Ann Pfannes** (CO60417897).

King County

In November 2015 the Mental Health Counselor Program reinstated the mental health counselor credential of **Sarah G. Kim** (LH00007708) and placed her on probation for at least two years. Kim's license was suspended in 2010 because she had a sexual relationship with a client.

In November 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Misty Ann Bjorland** (CO60594426). She was placed on probation, ordered to complete continuing education in professional law and ethics, and directed to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Bjorland was convicted of one felony and 11 gross misdemeanors between 2004 and 2013.

In November 2015 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Steven Anthony Beck** (MA60529069), who was convicted of domestic violence felony violation of a court order in 2012.

In November 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Renee L. Beebe** that requires her to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay \$250. Beebe, who doesn't have a massage license, performed cranial sacral therapy on a patient.

In November 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Shen Yankun** to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Yankun, who has no massage practitioner license, operates a business that advertised massage and employed unlicensed massage workers.

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Margaretha Hansson Hedberg** (RN00039618) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say she used saline solution to replace controlled substances intended for a patient, gave the saline solution to the patient, and used the controlled substances for herself. She allegedly then entered an operating room where she appeared impaired and unsteady on her feet, with glassy eyes, slurred speech and shaky hands.

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Samuel J. Hirst** (RN00153006) with unprofessional conduct. Hirst allegedly admitted diverting narcotics from the hospital where he worked and tested positive for narcotics.

In December 2015 the secretary of health lifted the suspension of health care assistant **Julie A. Jewell** (HC00151976). Jewell's license was suspended in 2008 after she didn't comply with terms of probation.

Lewis County

In December 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program modified an agreement with registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Sara Diana Vasquez** (NA60339413, NC60358470) to place her on probation for 18 months.

Pierce County

In November 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Thomas L. Stryker** (RN60085678) with unprofessional conduct. Stryker allegedly didn't comply with a requirement to undergo a substance abuse monitoring program's intake process.

In December 2015 the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant **Christina Leh Young** (CM60364405) with unprofessional conduct. Young allegedly used a fraudulent prescription authorization to get narcotics for herself. In 2013 she was convicted of solicitation to obtain or attempt to obtain a controlled substance by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

Snohomish County

In November 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Yi Sun King** to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. King, who has no massage practitioner license, was employed to provide massage.

In December 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Tina R. Tiff** (NA00136258) and placed her on probation for at least two years. Tiff's license was revoked in 2005 after she practiced without a valid credential, and was convicted of forgery.

Spokane County

In November 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credential of medical assistant-phlebotomist **Ashley Nichole Stady** (PC60479260).

In November 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional credential to **Jessica Ann Randock** (CP60599946), who must abide by conditions set on her chemical dependency professional trainee credential in 2013.

In November 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted an independent clinical social worker credential to **Coy Robert Osgood** (LW60496502), who must abide by conditions set on his independent clinical social worker associate and chemical dependency professional licenses in August 2015.

Thurston County

In November 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Randy Marston** that requires him to cease and desist from practicing as a mental health counselor without a license. Marston must pay \$1,000 fine. He represented himself as a licensed mental health counselor after surrendering his license.

In December 2015 the secretary of health withdrew notification to **Sherril Polk** of intent to issue a cease-and-desist order for practicing medicine without a license.

Yakima County

In November 2015 the Veterinary Board ended probation for veterinary technician **Jennifer Leanne Fischer**, also known as Jennifer L. Hillier (AT60158333).

Out of State

California: In November 2015 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Maureen Ohora Ahearn** (RN60363314) that lifts the suspension of her credential and requires her to participate in the intake process for a substance abuse monitoring program. Ahearn's license was suspended in August 2015 after she surrendered her Massachusetts nursing license in connection with practicing while impaired by alcohol.

Connecticut: In November 2015 the Medical Commission denied the application of physician **Rostislav Mouravev** (MD00043224) to reactivate his credential, which was revoked in 2005. Mouravev made misrepresentations, either mischaracterized his work or practiced medicine without a license, and didn't pass a licensing exam in the required time.

Oregon: In November 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jennifer E. Webinger** (RN00170401) with unprofessional conduct. Her Oregon nursing license was placed on probation in 2015 after she reported having a substance abuse problem.

Oregon: In November 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Beth Ann Blair**, also known as Beth Roessell (RN00095485) with unprofessional conduct. Blair applied to reactivate her expired license. Her Oregon nursing license was placed on probation in 2013.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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